

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Kindly see the Drawing Change Authorization Request filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

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Sub B2
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Moreover, in a second embodiment, a single concave mirror may be used instead of the concave mirrors 20 and 21. The single concave mirror condenses optical rays from the light source and outputs to the diffraction grating, and further inputs the optical rays from the diffraction grating and outputs the optical rays to the output slit plate. Here, the input slit and the output slit are the same.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following claim:

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11. The monochromator according to claim 1 wherein said diffraction grating has the smallest possible coefficient of linear expansion.

REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Official Action dated May 20, 2002.